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SUBJECT: CHILE WELCOMES GLOBAL INITIATIVE MEMBERS

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[1](#)B. STATE 77168

[1](#)1. Poloff informed two members of the MFA's Office of Special Policies, Counselor Julio Bravo and Third Secretary Alvaro Guzman, of the recent addition of Mauritius and Uzbekistan to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism on August 1. Both officials welcomed the new members.

[1](#)2. Bravo also raised the issue of the upcoming GI conference in Germany September 4-5, 2008 (Ref B). He noted that, as a small country with a relatively small MFA staff and travel budget, Chile must often pass up opportunities to attend worthwhile foreign policy events, particularly when they are held far from South America or there are multiple events per year on similar topics. While Chile will not be able to send an official representative to the September 2008 conference, Bravo noted that he always passes invitations to other members of Chile's nuclear terrorism working group, which includes government and non-government members.
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